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AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2013

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To recall and celebrate the positive contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week beginning on Feb. 12, 1926. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month.

94,028

The 2011 African American population in Iowa. African Americans constitute 3.1% of the state's total population. In 1980, African Americans made up 1.4% of the state's total population.

52,328

The numeric change in the African American population from 1980 to 2011. This is a 125.5 percent increase for the period.

168,721

The projected African American population of Iowa as 2040. According to Woods & Poole Economics Inc., African Americans will constitute 5.0 percent of the state's total population.

Families and Children

16,097

The number of African American families in 2011 who reside in Iowa. Of these families, 69.5 percent include their own children under 18 years of age.

72.6%

Percent increase in the number of African American families in the state of Iowa from 1980 to 2011.

20.0%

Percentage of African American families with children who live with both parents in 2011 compared to 70.1 percent for the state of Iowa. In 1980 this percentage was 41.7 compared to the state of Iowa's 83.6%.

10.4%

Percentage of the African American population under age 5, in 2011. African Americans have a higher concentration of preschoolers among the population than the state as a whole (6.5%). In 1980 the percentage of the African American population under age 5 was 10.9.

3.39

The average family size for the Iowa African American population in 2010. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 2.97.

Age
25.4

The median age of Iowa's African American population in 2011. The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.1.

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Counties and Cities

Top 5 counties: African American Population

	2011	2000
Polk	27,135	18,113
Scott	11,883	9,689
Black Hawk	11,536	10,179
Linn	8,753	4,919
Johnson	6,597	3,223

Top 5 cities: African American Population

	2010	2000
Des Moines	20,842	16,025
Davenport	10,759	9,093
Waterloo	10,606	9,529
Cedar Rapids	7,046	4,481
Iowa City	3,912	2,333

27,135

The number of African Americans in Polk County in 2010, making it the largest population of African Americans in any Iowa county.

8.8%

The percent of total population in Black Hawk County who were African American in 2011. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage of African Americans are Scott (7.1%), Polk (6.2%), Des Moines (5.1%) and Johnson (5.0%).

70.1%

Nearly three-fourths of the total African American population live in Polk, Scott, Black Hawk, Linn and Johnson counties in 2011.

62.7%

Over half of the growth in Iowa's African American population from 2000-2011 occurred in five counties: Polk, Linn, Johnson, Scott, and Dubuque.

20,842

The number of African Americans in Des Moines in 2010, making it the largest population of African Americans in any city in Iowa.

15.5%

The percent of the total population in Waterloo in 2010 who are African American. Other Iowa cities with a high percentage of African Americans are Davenport

(10.8%), Des Moines (10.2%) and Coralville (7.9%).

55.2%

The percentage of Iowa's total African American population living in four cities: Des Moines, Davenport, Waterloo and Cedar Rapids.



Income and poverty

\$26,099

The median income in the of African American households in 2011. The median household income for the state during the same time period was \$49,427.

\$32,385

The median income of African American families in Iowa in 2011. The median income of families in Iowa was \$62,821.

\$13,544

The per capita money income of Iowa African Americans in 2011. The per capita money income for the state was \$25,667.

41.0%

The poverty rate in 2011 for the African American population. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 12.8 percent.

47.6%

The percentage of families with related children under 18 below the poverty level in 2011 for the African American population. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 14.3 percent

Businesses and Jobs

2,190

The number of African American-owned firms in Iowa in 2007.

98.0%

The percent increase in African American-owned firms between 1992 and 2007.

Source: 2007 & 1992 Survey of Business Owners

61.7%

The percent of Iowa African Americans age 16 and over in the labor force in 2011. The percent of Iowans age 16 and over in the labor force was 67.7%.

18.7%

The unemployment rate of Iowa African Americans in 2011. In comparison the state of Iowa's unemployment rate was 6.0%.

Earnings

\$18,2761

The median earnings for Iowa African Americans in 2011. The median earnings for the state of Iowa was \$28,438.

\$36,370

The median earnings for Iowa African American males in 2011. African American women in Iowa had median earnings of \$29,558. In comparison the median earning for men and women in the state of Iowa were \$43,624 and \$33,745 respectively.

Industry

28.5%

The percent of Iowa African Americans in 2010 employed in the educational services and health care and social assistance industry.

17.5%

The percent of African Americans in 2010 who work in the manufacturing industry. Approximately 15.5 percent work in the arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services industry; 6.2 percent in retail trade; and 6.9 percent work in professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services.

Housing

68.7%

The percentage occupied housing units with an African American householder who rent their home in 2011. The corresponding percentage for the state is 27.6%.

Occupation

27.8%

The percent of Iowa African Americans in 2011 in service occupations.

26.0%

The percent of African Americans in Iowa age 16 years and over in management, business, science, and arts occupations in 2011. In Iowa this occupation accounts for 33.8% of all people age 16 years and over.

24.2%

The percent of African American women in Iowa age 16 years and over in sales and office occupations in 2011. 20.8% of African American men in Iowa are in this occupation.

26.6%

The percent of African American men in Iowa age 16 years and over in production, transportation, and material moving occupations in 2011. 11.7% of African American women in Iowa are in this occupation.



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Vital Stats

20.0

The African American birth rate per 1,000 population in 2011. The birth rate per 1,000 for the state was 12.5.

723.6

The African American rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births in 2011. The rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births for the state was 338.1.

171.4

The African American rate of births for mothers under age 20 per 1,000 live births in 2011. The rate for the state was 70.8.

5.1

The African American death rate per 1,000 population in 2011. The death rate per 1,000 for the state was 9.2.

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

4,692

*The number of Iowa
African American veterans
of the U.S. Armed Forces in
2011.*

Education 82.4%

26,079

The number African Americans enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2011-2012 school year. African Americans represent 4.9% of Iowa's school enrollment (531,590).

41.6%

Percent increase in African American enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2011-2012.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

82.4%

The percentage of Iowa African Americans age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2011. The percentage for Iowa was 90.6%.

16.5%

The percentage of Iowa African Americans age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2011. The percentage for Iowa was 25.8%.

6.5%

Percentage of Iowa African Americans 25 years and older with graduate or professional degree. The percentage of Iowans with a graduate or professional degree was 8.1%.

